

July 23, 2008 Consumer Leadership Caucus Minutes

**CONSUMER LEADERSHIP CAUCUS
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Consumer Leadership Caucus Meeting

July 23, 2008

2:30 - 5:00 PM

Attendance: Shiloh Blackburn, Mike Smith, James Steed, Angie Flores, Alonzo Statham, Kristyn Herbert, and Christine Pisani

Absent: None

Visitors: Mary Arndt

Shiloh called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM on Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

Members of the caucus reviewed and approved the April 23, 2008 minutes as presented.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSITION STATEMENT:

In order for guardianships to be limited and for alternatives to be considered, education of families, transition-age students and adults with developmental disabilities must be informed.

Guardianship is an outdated attempt at protecting and caring for people with developmental disabilities. If support is planned for and people are allowed to voice their choices in any way they are able to do so, full guardianship is not necessary.

“Guardianship is a 20th century mentality, in a 21st century world.” –

James Steed

Reviewed the Ohio Handbook on Alternatives to Guardianship.

Angie motioned, Kristyn seconded that the Council develop a handbook in plain language on the topic of guardianship and alternatives to guardianship in Idaho as a way to provide education to families, self-advocates, judges, attorneys, and guardians. **Motion passed.**

ACTION: Council to create a plain language handbook on guardianship and alternatives to guardianship. Angie Flores and James Steed volunteered to present a draft handbook at the October Consumer Leadership Caucus meeting.

Shiloh will present the Caucus' recommendations and action items to the Public Policy Committee at the October, 2008 Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.

